

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of the claims replaces and supersedes all previous listings.

1. (Original) A method of knitting a garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves by knitting a body and both sleeves up to underarm positions to have cylindrical shapes, respectively, then, joining both sleeves to the body, and then, joining upper ends of a front body and a back body of the body, comprising the steps of:

(a) after knitting both sleeves to the underarm positions, knitting sleeve caps comprising front sleeve caps and back sleeve caps for both sleeves by flechage knitting such that the front sleeve caps become narrower than the back sleeve caps;

(b) then, forming gores at the underarm positions for connecting both front sleeves and the front body without forming any gores between both back sleeves and the back body, or in the case of forming gores between both back sleeves and the back body, forming gores at the underarm positions for connecting both front sleeves and the front body such that the gores between both back sleeves and the back body become smaller than the gores between both front sleeves and the front body; and

(c) then, knitting the front body and the back body and joining the front body and the back body to both sleeves such that the knitting width of the front body becomes smaller than the knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions.

2. (Original) The knitting method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

(d) after the step (c), knitting the front body separately into a left front body and a right front body at a neck hole portion, and expanding the left front body toward a left sleeve side, expanding the right front body toward a right sleeve side such that a left upper end of the left front body is substantially aligned with a left upper end of the back body in the left-right direction and a right upper end of the right front body is substantially aligned with a right upper end of the back body in the left-right direction.

3. (Original) The knitting method of claim 1, wherein the step (c) is carried out in a state in which one ends of the front body and the back body face each other on a needle bed, and the other ends of the front body and the back body do not face each other on the needle bed.

4. (Original) The knitting method of claim 3, wherein the step (c) comprises the steps of:

overlapping a knit stitch at the one end of the front body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve, and overlapping a knit stitch at the other end of the back body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve;

overlapping a knit stitch at the other end of the front body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve, and

overlapping a knit stitch at the one end of the back body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve; and
knitting a course of new knit stitches on the front body and the back body.

5. (Original) A garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves, the garment including a body comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric and both sleeves each comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric, wherein the body and both sleeves are joined on sides by knitting operation without sewing, and a front body and a back body of the body are joined at shoulders, and wherein

(a) both sleeves include front and back sleeve caps above underarm positions, and the front sleeve caps are narrower than the back sleeve caps;

(b) front portions of both sleeves are joined to the front body at the underarm positions by gores such that the knitting width of the front body becomes smaller than the knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions; and

(c) the front body and the back body are joined to both sleeves without sewing on sides.

6. (Currently Amended) A knit design device capable of generating knitting data for knitting a garment by knitting a body and both sleeves up to underarm positions to have cylindrical shapes, respectively, then, joining both the sleeves to the body, and then, joining upper ends of a front body and a back body of the body, the ~~knitting data~~ knit design device comprising:

(a) sleeve cap flechage knitting data generating means for generating knitting data of caps of the sleeves for knitting in a manner that after knitting both the sleeves up to the underarm positions, the caps of the sleeves comprising caps of the front sleeves and caps of back sleeves for both the sleeves are knitted by flechage knitting such that the caps of the front sleeves become narrower than the caps of the back sleeves;

(b) asymmetrical gore knitting data generating means for generating knitting data of gores for forming front gores at the underarm positions to connect both the front sleeves to the front body, wherein no back gore is formed between the back body and both the back sleeves, or back gores are formed between the back body and both the back sleeves such that the back gores become smaller than the front gores; and

(c) body sleeve joining data generating means for generating knitting and joining data of the body and the sleeves, for knitting the front body and the back body and joining the front and back bodies to both the sleeves such that a knitting width of the front body becomes smaller than a knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions, in correspondence with width of the front gores if no back gores are formed, or in correspondence with a difference between width of the front gores and the back gores if the back gores are formed,

wherein the pieces of knitting data are used by a flat knitting machine in the order of (a) to (c).